

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 8, 9, and 16 have been amended to expedite allowance of the application. Since the amendments do not require further searching, remove issues in the event of an appeal, and/or place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration in light of the remarks that follow is respectfully requested.

I. The Amendments

The claims are amended to revert to the original crown ether structure employed in the original claims.

II. The Adequate Description Rejection

Claims 1-4, 8-12, and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, with regard to the crown ether structure. Claims 1, 8, 9, and 16 have been amended to revert to the original crown ether structure employed in the original claims. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

III. The Indefiniteness Rejection

Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, with regard to an antecedent basis issue. Claim 16 has been amended to revert to the original language employed in claim 16 removing the antecedent basis issue. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

IV. The Substitute Specification

In order to make the specification consistent with the amendments previous made to the claims, the specification has been amended. A Statement indicating no new matter is being added accompanies this Reply. A marked-up version and clean version of a Substitute Specification accompany this document.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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